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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Finance

FROM: Joe Reinert, Assistant to the Mayor

RE: 2010 JAG funding

DATE: September 9, 2010

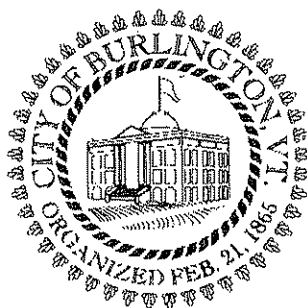
This is to request that the Board of Finance approve the acceptance of 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding of \$112,816, which has recently been awarded to the City by the Department of Justice.

JAG funding is intended to support a broad range of crime prevention efforts, depending on local needs. For the 2010 application, Burlington was eligible to apply for \$112,816. JAG funds can be expended over a four-year period. Mayor Kiss identified City priorities for JAG funding in the attached memo sent to the City Council in advance of making the 2010 application, outlining the proposed request and soliciting feedback and comment.

Once approved by the Board, the City Council must then adopt a resolution (draft attached) authorizing the Mayor to accept the award. We intend to request Council approval at the September 27 meeting. The JAG grant was awarded on September 3, and the City has 45 days to accept the award.

Thank you for your consideration.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Burlington City Council  
FROM: Mayor Bob Kiss *Bob Kiss*  
DATE: May 19, 2010  
RE: 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Burlington is again eligible to apply for Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding this year through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a division of the Department of Justice. JAG funding is intended to support a broad range of crime prevention efforts, depending on local needs. JAG guidelines require prior notice to the municipality's governing body. This year, Burlington is eligible to apply for \$112,816.

Based on staff feedback and priorities, I am proposing to apply for the following allocations to support crime prevention in the City:

- \$46,000 – for the Community Justice Center to enhance public safety, crime prevention efforts, support for victims of crime, and facilitation of offender re-entry.
- \$51,816 – for staffing to support the new Rapid Arraignment and Intervention initiative, developed by the Burlington Police Department and Chittenden County State's Attorney. A more detailed description of this program is attached.
- \$3,000 – to help fund community-based trainings on diversity and cultural competence.
- \$2,000 – for graffiti cleaning supplies for the City's Graffiti Removal program.
- \$10,000 – for administrative costs of the grant.

Please let me know if you have comments or questions. Thank you.

**ADOPTED:**

Councilors Keogh, Paul, and Wright;  
Board of Finance

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF 2010 JUSTICE  
ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUNDING FOR CRIME  
PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

That WHEREAS, the City of Burlington ("City") is eligible for 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding from the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, JAG funding is intended to support a broad range of crime prevention efforts and can be expended over a four-year period; and

WHEREAS, through the Mayor's Office, the City applied for JAG funding and was informed on September 3, 2010 that it had been awarded a grant of \$112,816; and

WHEREAS, prior to applying for JAG funding, Mayor Kiss sent a memorandum dated May 19, 2010 to the Council asking for review and comment on the City's planned JAG application and program allocations; and

WHEREAS, at the September 13, 2010 Board of Finance meeting the Board recommended that the Mayor be authorized to accept the 2010 JAG award;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Honorable Mayor Bob Kiss is hereby authorized to execute the 2010 JAG funding agreement and accept the grant award of \$112,816.